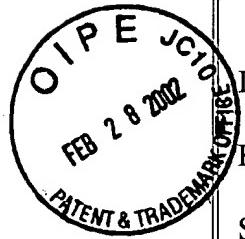


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In reply to the Office Action dated August 29, 2001, the period for reply having been extended for three months by a request for extension and fee payment filed concurrently herewith, please consider the following remarks:

**REMARKS**

In the Office Action dated August 29, 2001, the Examiner rejected claims 17-40 under the judicially created doctrine of double patenting; rejected claims 17, 18, 20, 23, 24, 26, 27, and 32-37 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over Fushimi et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,475,598); and rejected claims 19, 21, 22, 25, 28-30, and 38-40 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fushimi et al. in view of Tenmoku et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,486,822).

Regarding the double patenting rejection of claims 17-40, Applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer concurrently with this response that disclaims the terminal part of this application that

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